Rs. 451 it does not matter much. The persons who are responsible for these orders have thus dismissed the recommendation very lightheartedly. We find that the pay of some of the officers has been revised as the Government likes.

It is to point out the hardship of the District Registrars especially of those in the last grade, that I have tabled this resolution. My prayer is that the House may be pleased to consider this resolution dispassionately and do justice to the officers known as District Registrars.

Resolution lost for want of a seconder.

The following resolution with the amendment was considered withdrawn.

23. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—*This Council recommends to the Government to establish a Bureau of Economics and Statistics in the State.*

Amendment.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—*After the word 'Govt.' in the first line insert the following 'to expedite the steps now being taken.'*

As the following resolutions were not moved they were also considered withdrawn.

24. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—*This Council recommends to the Government that the practice of filling up vacancies of Registration Superintendents by grafting men from other departments be done away with and the grade and pay of District Registrars be so revised as to make it possible that a Registrar of the 1st grade be promoted as the Registration Superintendent.*

25. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—*This Council recommends to the Government that 10 per cent of the posts of District Registrars be reserved for promotion of clerks with approved service.*

26. Thaipooyam to be a public holiday.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—This Council recommends to the Government that "൭൭൩൨൭൩൦" be made a public holiday in the State.

Sir, this is a resolution which was once passed by this House. That was a resolution which recommended that Thai Pooyam day be made a public holiday in the State. It does not require any speech from me to make any Member understand the importance of Thai Pooyam. That is a day which is being looked upon by the Hindu population of the State as a very important day. Almost all the Hindus consider it as a sacred day. Other sections also tolerate it to a very great extent, to a greater extent than they look upon the other Hindu religious days. I do not know what really stood in the way of the Government to accept the previous resolution passed by this House. Just to see whether there

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is any change in the attitude of the Government and just to know the reason that prompted them to reject the original resolution, I have tabled this resolution. I commend it to the acceptance of the House.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I beg to second the resolution.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ.—സർ, ഞാൻ ഇതിനെ എതിർക്കുന്നു. ഒരോ സമുദായക്കാർക്കും മതക്കാർക്കും പ്രത്യേകമായുള്ള വിശേഷ ദിവസങ്ങളിൽ കഴിവുകൊടുക്കേണ്ടതാണല്ല ഞാൻ പറയുന്നത്. തൈപ്പൂയം ഹിന്തുക്കൾക്ക അപമാനകരമായ ഒരു ദിവസമായിട്ടാണതിനെ കരുതുന്നത്. കാവടികെട്ടി തുള്ളുന്ന ദിവസമാണെന്നു. അതിനാണ് കഴിവു ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നത്. ഈ കാവടികോപ്രായത്തെ പ്രോത്സാഹിപ്പിയ്ക്കുന്നതിനു ചെയ്യകൊടുക്കരുതെന്നാണ് എനിയ്ക്കു പറയാനുള്ളതു. യഥാർത്ഥ മതാഭിമാനമുള്ള ഹിന്തുക്കളും ഈ കാവടി തുള്ളൽ ഹിന്തുമതത്തിനു ആവശ്യമാണെന്നു വിചാരിക്കുമെന്നു തോന്നുന്നില്ല.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Government do not think that it is a festival or ceremony or occasion fit enough to be declared a general public holiday. That was the ground on which it was rejected. Now also they do not think that they have any reason to revise their opinion.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—The statement by the Government that Thai Pooyam is not a day which is so important as to necessitate a public holiday does not require any comment from me. But what compels me to speak is the objection taken by the Hon'ble Member for South Ezhuvas that the making of Thai Pooyam a holiday is something which tantamounts to an insult to the Hindu religion. I do not know how he comes to that conclusion. My submission is that persons who have a faith in these things must be given the convenience to attend to it. The holiday is to give relief to those persons in Government service wishing to attend the festival. Now if they want to attend they will have to take casual leave. It is to give relief to the Government servants and not to get a sectional holiday that I have tabled this resolution. Even very many festivals of less importance are made public holidays, for example, the Kongan Pada at Chittur.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—It is a local holiday and not a public holiday.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Of course local holiday is one thing. But public holiday is a greater thing. My only submission is that the Government may be pleased to reconsider their decision. Since the non-official side is very thin I do not press this resolution to a division.

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